

Continuous CRP in Nebraska



Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Continuous Sign-up

CRP is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Participants plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water and air, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance.

Under Continuous Sign-up, environmentally sensitive land devoted to certain conservation practices may be enrolled in CRP at any time. Offers for continuous sign-up are not subject to competitive bidding. Contracts are from 10 to 15 years. See reverse side for Nebraska rental rates which are paid per acre annually.

Besides cost-share assistance, FSA provides an upfront signing incentive payment up to \$150 per acre and a practice incentive payment equal to 40% of the cost for installation on certain practices.

Highly Erodible Land Initiative

Under HELI, converting lands with an erodibility index of greater than 20 will significantly improve water quality and in areas like western Nebraska, significantly improve air quality (dust storms) and offsite impacts such as windblown soil filling ditches. The conversion to wildlife friendly covers also provides benefits to wildlife and soil erosion.

State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement Nebraska Tallgrass SAFE

Under Continuous CRP, the goal of the Nebraska Tallgrass SAFE project is to enroll 28,850 acres to expand habitat in the Nebraska tallgrass prairie region for greater prairie chickens.

Nebraska Upland Birds SAFE

The goal of the Nebraska Upland Birds SAFE project is to enroll 53,050 acres to enhance habitat for upland wildlife such as upland game birds, including northern bobwhite quail and ring-necked pheasant.



Platte-Republican Resources Area Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

The goals of the CREP are to reduce the application of water for cropland irrigation in the priority areas of southern and western Nebraska by 125,000 acre-feet annually. Annual rental payments are based on irrigated rental rates. Other additional incentives apply to CREP contracts.

Practices Offered

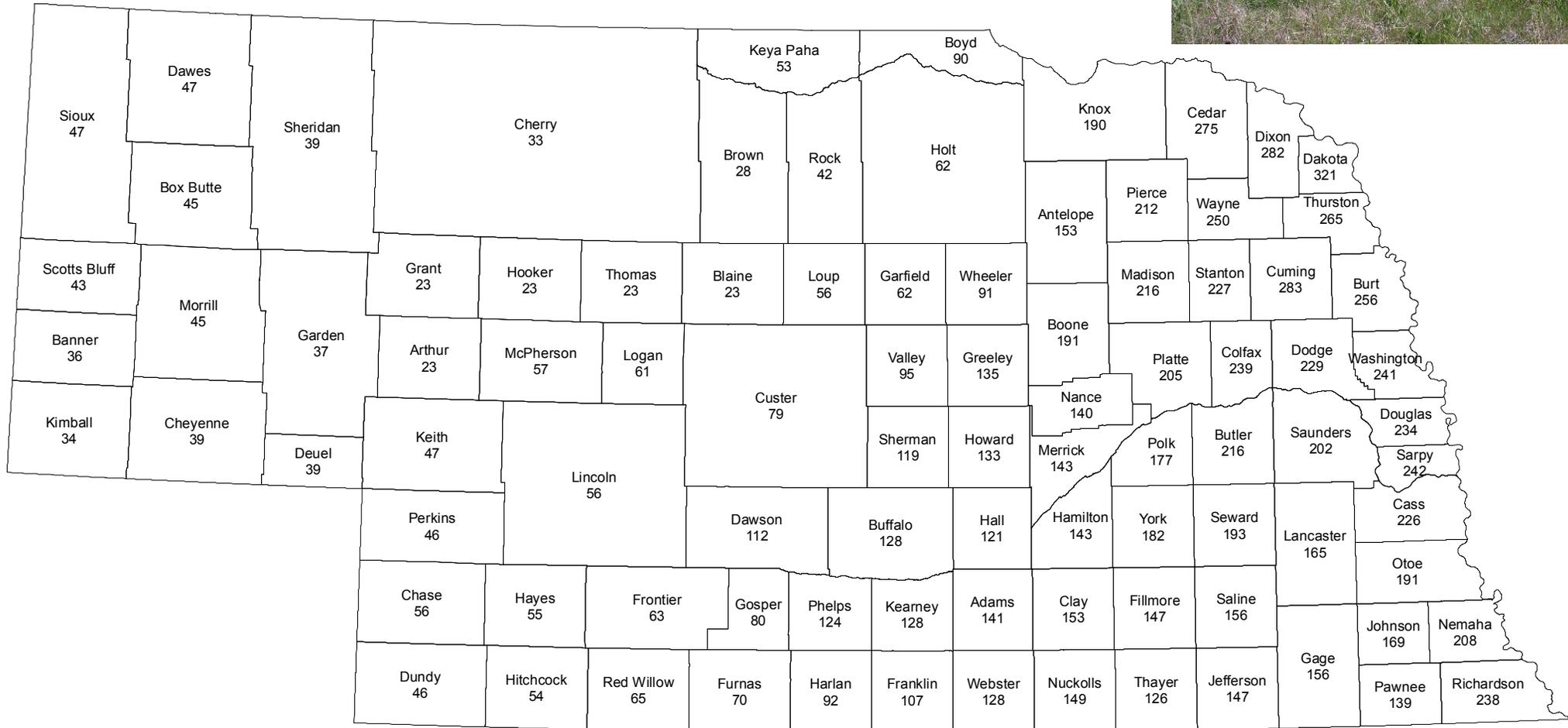
- Field Wind Breaks
- Shelterbelts
- Riparian Buffers
- Wildlife Habitat Restoration
- Filter Strips
- Wetland Restoration
- Living Snow Fences
- Contour Grass Strips
- Shallow water areas for wildlife

For more information on CRP continuous sign-up, contact a local Nebraska FSA office or visit our website at www.fsa.usda.gov/ne



CRP Average Soil Rental Rates

Nebraska FSA



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